

GREEN DRAGON HOTEL

236-240 South Terrace

There has been a Green Dragon Hotel on this prominent site since 1858, once serving the teamsters and carriers entering the city. The Dragon Brewery, now demolished, was to the west, operating until about 1910.



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The Green Dragon Hotel was built in 1858 for John Mitten as a public house of eight rooms with stables and stock yards of assessed value £110. Mitten died soon after completing the hotel, leaving it to his nine year old niece, Mary Cant. Little change was made to the building's fabric, but a weighbridge was constructed on the hotel premises around 1864. In the early 1860s the City Council passed a by-law requiring all wood, bark, hay, straw and coals coming into the city for sale to be weighed and certified by a licensed weighbridge. Hotels sited at such 'gateways' into the city were the Stag, close to the East End Market; the Elephant and Castle, on West Terrace near the south-western entry to the city; the Princess Royal in O'Connell Street (rebuilt in 1884 as the Oxford Hotel); and the Green Dragon Hotel on South Terrace.

Plans for the first addition to the hotel were passed in 1882. A two storey northern extension was erected in 1891 and a two storey north-western rear extension was added in 1898, with modifications in 1908. A balcony was added in 1924 and the



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weighbridge removed. In 1940 a single storey western addition and extensive upgrading was undertaken.

Despite all these additions, the hotel, with its chamfered corner form, parapet concealing the roof and its paned double hung sash windows to the first floor, retains a major proportion of the 1858 building.

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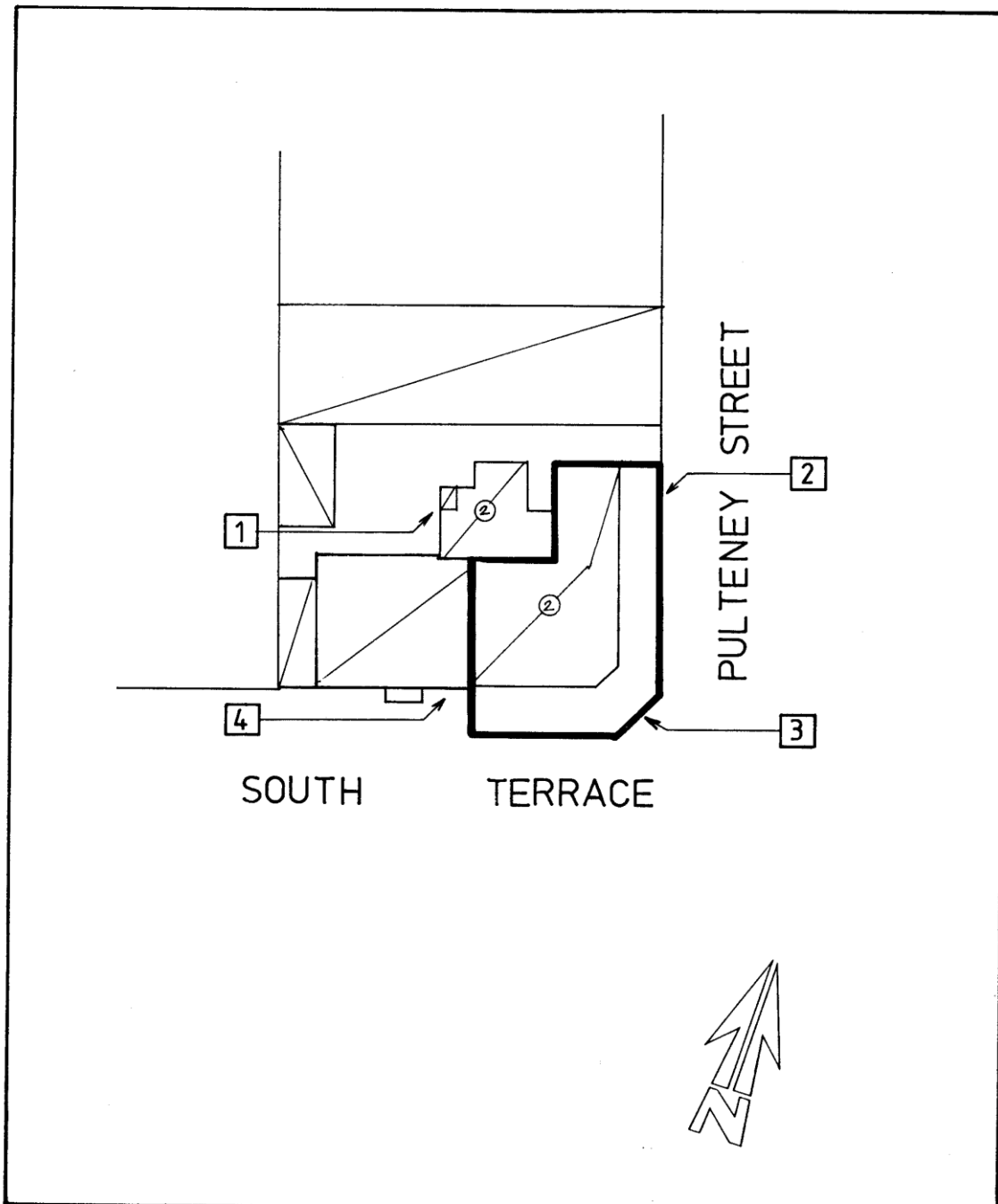


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NOTES:

1. Accretions at rear.
2. Addition of consistent design.
3. Substantial verandah/balcony.
4. Addition of 1930's design.